

Program G: Soil and Water Conservation

Program Authorization: R.S. 36:629

Program Description

The fortitude of Louisiana's economic, social and environmental state is intrinsically linked to the productivity of its' soil and water resources. The mission of the Office of Soil and Water Conservation (OSWC) is to conserve and sustain these resources on Louisiana's croplands, grasslands, woodlands, wetlands, urban areas and waterways. This mission is accomplished by providing financial assistance, administrative guidance and coordination to Louisiana's 43 Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and implementation of conservation and resource management programs on private lands. The conservation districts, with assistance from the OSWC and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, provide conservation planning implementation assistance to Louisiana land owners and land managers. Through this unique federal-state-local partnership, a wide range of management practices are planned and implemented to protect soil health, water quality and to enhance the state's natural resources. The enhancement and protection of Louisiana's natural resources are paramount to the health, safety, livelihood and general welfare of Louisiana's citizens.

To achieve a productive balance between Louisiana agricultural production and processing and a healthy environment, wherein soil loss is reduced to within tolerable limits, water quality impairments due to agriculture processes are significantly reduced, and the quality of the state's wildlife habitat, wetlands, and other natural areas and resources are enhanced.

OSWC/LDNR Multi-year Coastal Revegetation Program: Through which the OSWC and coastal SWCDs plan and implement vegetative planting for erosion control and restoration on private and state owned coastal marshes.

USDA-State Cooperative Soil Survey Program: To ensure availability of current scientific soils data and interpretive information for the development and application of effective conservation and environmental protection practices.

EPA Clean Water Act Section 319 - Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program: Is implemented through the OSWC, DEQ and local SWCDs by implementing, in selected watersheds, site specific conservation and environmental protection plans.

Agricultural Solid Waste Management Program: Reduces the costly disposal of agricultural waste at regulated solid waste sites, increases the beneficial use of most agricultural and forestry processing by-products, improves soil tilth, fertility and production and protects air and water quality.

Information/Education Outreach Program: Delivers quality standards based conservation and environmental education to educators, classrooms, communities and individuals throughout the state and creates and awareness of the need for natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

Federal Conservation Programs: Implemented through the OSWC and are directed toward wetland restoration, soil erosion control, water quality protection, wildlife habitat creation/enhancement and native vegetation restoration.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$1,941,256	\$2,091,544	\$2,091,544	\$2,084,934	\$1,995,624	(\$95,920)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	473,976	375,000	375,000	375,310	685,220	310,220
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	9,207	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$2,424,439	\$2,466,544	\$2,466,544	\$2,460,244	\$2,680,844	\$214,300
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$324,509	\$363,097	\$363,097	\$369,975	\$326,779	(\$36,318)
Other Compensation	1,680	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0
Related Benefits	54,802	67,394	67,394	68,388	61,146	(6,248)
Total Operating Expenses	64,156	68,008	68,008	69,638	45,984	(22,024)
Professional Services	40,659	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	1,933,698	1,929,363	1,929,363	1,929,363	2,244,835	315,472
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	4,935	36,582	36,582	20,780	0	(36,582)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$2,424,439	\$2,466,544	\$2,466,544	\$2,460,244	\$2,680,844	\$214,300
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	8	8	8	8	7	(1)
Unclassified	1	1	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	9	9	9	9	8	(1)

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund and Interagency Transfers. Interagency Transfers are received from the Department of Natural Resources for developing erosion control plans along the coast of Louisiana, best management practices, water quality and wetland resources programs.

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$2,091,544	\$2,466,544	9	ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$2,091,544	\$2,466,544	9	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001
\$3,058	\$3,058	0	Annualization of FY 2001-2002 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$4,814	\$4,814	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2002-2003
(\$36,582)	(\$36,582)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$15,062	\$15,062	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$17,539)	(\$17,539)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$4,713)	(\$4,713)	0	Salary Funding from Other Line Items
(\$47,961)	(\$47,961)	(1)	Gubernatorial Position Reduction
\$0	\$310,220	0	Funding provided for IAT from Department of Environmental Quality to Soil and Water Program. This will provide statewide agricultural educational programs and technicians for the Bayou Vermilion, Bayou Plaquemine Brule, and Bayou Boeuf/Lafourche Projects.
(\$12,059)	(\$12,059)	0	General Fund reduction for travel
\$1,995,624	\$2,680,844	8	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$1,995,624	\$2,680,844	8	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$1,995,624	\$2,680,844	8	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

OTHER CHARGES

\$1,623,551	Soil and Water Conservation Districts
\$283,997	Natural Resources best management practices
\$20,000	To be determined - Services deemed appropriate and necessary to carry out the mission of the department
\$310,220	IAT from Department of Environmental Quality to Soil and Water Program. This will provide statewide agricultural educational programs and technicians for the Bayou Vermilion, Bayou Plaquemine Brusley, and Bayou Boeuf/Lafourche Projects.
\$2,237,768	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
Interagency Transfers:	
\$5,252	Office of Telecommunications Management Fees
\$1,815	Statewide Fees, Civil Service, Treasury, UPS
\$7,067	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$2,244,835	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

This program does not have funding recommended for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.